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TODAY'S YOUTH

As we have heard for many years today's youth is supposed to be going to the dogs.

Cycles occur in a country's history, when youth is more rambunctious than normal. It would appear that the crime waves that are sweeping Chicago and New York are examples of a tragic cycle in which we now find ourselves.

The main responsibility for this juvenile delinquency, which is serious and includes such crimes as murder, lies with parents who too often, in today's busy world, do not take the time to rear their children carefully and give them the Christian training which is all-important to improve youthfule youth.

Fortunately, teen age crime in the smaller cities and in the typical American community has not reached the alarming state of affairs now worrying officials in the metropolitan areas. Nevertheless, juvenile crime is on the increase in all parts of the country.

This seems to be a very clear challenge to our churches, our schools, to parents and law enforcement officials. It is also a challenge to organizations which work with youth, and to those in charge of these organizations.

No worse than any other generation, today's young people find themselves in a fast-moving world. If our nation is to retain its character, its real backbone, then American parents will have to counter the forces of fast-living and corruption. It requires honest effort and careful consideration of every serious-minded parent.

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THE END OF THE YEAR

Looking back over 1959, as 1960 presents itself, one must admit it was an unusually historically-significant year.

The greatest conflict in the world today is, of course, that between the communist ideology and the democratic. The two most powerful proponents of these respective systems are the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States.

Therefore, when the ruler of Moscow's 200,000,000 visits the United States and confers with our President, this is a significant event, judged by any standard. If progress results, then it will have been a most momentous feature of a momentous year.

In 1959, too, President Eisenhower traveled extensively. He flew to Europe on several occasions and conferred with the leaders of allied nations. Moreover, he has agreed to meet again with these leaders in 1960, seeking to further the cause of world peace and understanding.

In the field of international relations, then, 1959 produced some hope for betterment —and 1960 will see the challenge of fulfilling them.

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Few rites are of more importance to a young man than filling in the identy card in his first billfold.

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Few things are more rewarding than church work, and there is plenty of it to be done in every community.

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One reason that reading is such a bore is because so many writers have so little to say.

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Women who have servants to do the heavy work, sometimes confuse clubbing with real work.

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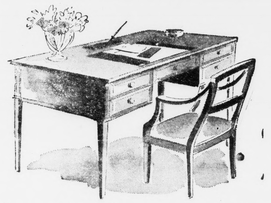

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Washington Notes

Reminder Mail

Commerce Department letters mailed to business men carry this stamped notation in one corner: "Do you know today's population is 179,183,512? More people —more markets."

Starting December 15, this stamp went on all correspondence mailed from the department's 33 field offices. It's a reminder to business men that they must keep abreast of an increasing market or lose their competitive position. Every day the field offices change the population figure to reflect the Census Bureau's latest estimate.

Draft Call Drops

The draft call for February has been set at 6,000 men, 1,000 less than the number called in January.

All of the February quota will go into the Army. It will bring to 2,903,430 the number of men inducted by the Selective Service since the draft was resumed during the Korean emergency.

Reduced Debts Predicted

A nation-wide belt tightening aimed at reducing individual consumer debt is likely to start this year, Representative Barr (D-Ind.) says.

Barr says the average American family probably will cut down on installment buying voluntarily, as happened in 1950, 1953, and 1955.

Barr, currently studying Federal Reserve Bank operations, said the average family debt has jumped from $1,875 in 1951 to $4,250 in 1959. But he says credit is currently tight and will continue so in the foreseeable future — "perhaps the next ten years."

Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 28,- Christmas passed off quietly around here.

Mrs. W. R. Moore, of Montgomery, W. Va., arrived Tuesday night to spend a while with her father, A. T. Anderson.

A number attended the Christmas program at the church Wednesday night.

Little Melinda McIntosh had the measles last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston and Sandra, of High Point, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ranson and family, of Norfolk, were here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Childress have moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fleshman and Steve moved into their new home at Evergreen Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and girls were over-night guests Christmas Day of the former's daughter, Mrs. Dora Jean Williams and family, of Waynesboro.

Cpl. Otis Richardson will leave for Fort Knox, Ky., tomorrow, Tuesday, after spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and family spent today at Brookneal with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and family.

Mrs. D. R. Inge accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Paulette to their home in Lynchburg Sunday, where she will spend a few days.

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Schools to resume session next Monday.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 28.- This will be our last time to write the news this year of 1959, and we do hope as the New Year comes we will all strive to live better and to make the world better where we are, and to love everybody.

I want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse on the birth of a son, Robert Monroe, Jr., born last Tuesday in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish much happiness to the dear baby and his wonderful parents.

Rev. and Mrs. John P. Leitner were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carson, of Philadelphia are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drinkard, Mr. Glenn Drinkard, Mrs. Alma Jennings, Mrs. Lucy Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perrow and family on Sunday. Miss Alva Moore spent the week-end in the Perrow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kent, of Richmond visited in our community over the week-end. They are always welcomed guests here.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain, and children, of Colonial Heights, and Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and family, of North Carolina, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Parks Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and family visited in South Carolina over the week-end.

I want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee. Tomorrow, December 29, will be the 25th anniversary of their marriage. I do hope for these fine folks many, many more happy years together.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian, of Covington spent the week-end here with her brothers and his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyde Weidman and girls, of Delaware spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Mr. C. D. Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Sr., spent last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard to help celebrate Mrs. Beard's birthday. We hope for her many more happy days to come.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Jack Caldwell, Jr., is on the sick list. We wish for him a speedy get well.

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Pvt. Alvin Phelps, of the U. S. Army is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Phelps, and his wife.

Mrs. R. E. Mays spent Monday with Mrs. H. O. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil and Patricia returned to their home in Richmond on Sunday evening, after spending several days with Mrs. T. M. Martin and Miss Eunice Martin.

Mrs. Carlton Harvey, Miss Virginia Lee Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin Jr. and family, of Oakville on last evening.

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World Mission

Lesson for January 3, 1960

Dr. Foreman

CHARLES Darwin, the famous scientist, is reported to have said, "If I am ever cast adrift on a savage island, I hope it will be one where Christian missionaries have got there first." Dr. Pitt Van Dusen during World War II wrote a book called "They Found the Church There," describing some of the many times allied troops had been astonished to find Christians in the least likely places. A young paratrooper lost in New Guinea, expecting nothing better than to be eaten by cannibals, would hear the sound of a familiar Christian hymn, something he used to sing in Sunday school. When he made his way toward the sound, he discovered not cannibals but ex-cannibals, now changed men because Christ had come to their village.

Toe-holds

One of the most thrilling sights this writer has seen in recent years was a book, in fact two books—though he could read neither one! One of these was the first book of any kind printed in the Miao languages (Miao rhymes with a cat's meow). Some young missionaries, trained in the study of primitive languages, have for the first time in history put this Miao language into writing so that these mountain tribes, living in the border-lands between China and Thailand, can learn to read, and in time read the Bible. This new book is only a primer, but it is a kind of toe-hold for the Christian missionaries. The other book is a reprint of the first New Testament ever printed in Korean. Seventy-five years ago, to be a Christian in Korea called for the death penalty. No missionary could go there. But in China this Testament was printed in the Korean language and smuggled into Korea by the "Christian Underground."

Small Beginnings

The story of Christian missions is long, and thrilling. The only people who do not get a thrill out of it are the people who get no thrill out of Christianity itself. A church member who says, "I believe in Christ but not in missions" is as good as saying "I don't believe in Christ." The Christian religion is a missionary religion, which is to say it is for all men everywhere, it is not "American," "white," "occidental" any more than it is Asian, yellow or oriental. Missionaries have gone everywhere, that is to say into all sorts of places. But what we call foreign missions, or world missions, began with the day when two men set out from the city of Antioch headed west. They were the best and ablest men in that church, they were its associate pastors as we would call them. They had been, so to speak, city missionaries in the metropolis of Antioch. Now the church sent them out. But the church did not send them until they were sure this was the will of the Holy Spirit. The thought of sending these men came as an inspiration, and the church recognized it as such. So Paul and Barnabas became the first real "foreign missionaries" in history.

Target: World

"Go into all the world," Jesus had said. There is no "here" or "there" for Christian missions. If an American Christian goes to share Christ with the Koreans, he is a "foreign" missionary; if a Korean comes here for the same purpose he is a "foreign" missionary too. (That is one reason why some churches do not speak of "missionaries" home or foreign but of "fraternal workers.") Preaching a Gospel sermon to a Spanish-speaking congregation in Texas is "home" missions; preaching the identical sermon to a congregation in Mexico is "foreign" missions. Its' geography that draws the line. There is no line, really. That first "foreign missionary" party started by going to the old home of Barnabas himself, where they would have (in our lingo) "connections." But the world is always the target. Places and countries may be barred to us, for shorter or longer times. But the church sets no limits for itself. Wherever in the world there are people, there the Good News of God is needed, and there Christ's men will joyfully go.

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